

AUSTRIAN OFFER OF CONCESSIONS FAILS TO CHECK WAR ACTIVITIES

Italy So Engrossed In Preparation For Hostilities That It Has No Desire To Bicker Longer With Shifty Dual Monarchy

KING, UNATTENDED, VISITS BARRACKS OF HIS ARMY

Venice Fears Aerial Raids Upon Palace of Doges and Other Historical Structures: Florence and Naples Remove Their Art

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
ROME, May 20.—Austria's offer of concessions in Italy and the Adriatic finds an unenthusiastic hearing. The nation is engrossed with preparations for war and has no mind to turn back from its decision. Even the pacifists are silent.

Offers from all the provinces to supply volunteers are pouring in. Two hundred seventy-three members of the chamber of deputies have announced their intention to enlist as soon as the chamber shall have adjourned.

Returned Exile Visits King

Gabriel d'Annunzio, the poet and dramatist, who has been an enthusiastic advocate of the Allies' cause, was granted an audience with the king yesterday and afterward praised his wide and profound grasp of international affairs.

Later in the day the king visited the Rome barracks, unattended.

Mobilization on the Austrian frontier is continuing with all haste. All railroads were taken over by the army yesterday and a succession of troop trains is pouring northward today.

In addition to the forces already under arms, 20,000 carabinieri joined the colors today.

Venice Liable to Aerial Raids

Much anxiety is felt at Venice for the palace of the doges, St. Mark's cathedral, and many other historic structures, which it is feared might suffer from aeroplane attacks. From its proximity to the frontier, Venice is particularly liable to aerial raids.

At Florence, Naples and even so far south as Rome, protective measures have for some time been under way. Paintings, sculptures and all movable treasures of the arts in which Italy is so rich, have been stored away underground or taken to points at a distance not likely to be attacked.

Printers Have "Green Book"

Already a "Green Book" containing Italy's side of the controversy, is in type, but the printers are pledged to secrecy.

Both Austria and Italy have sent requests to Washington asking the United States to act for them in case of war. If the request is complied with communications from Rome to Austria will pass through the hands of the United States ambassador at Vienna, and the American ambassador at Rome would look after Austrian interests in Italy.

War With Italy May Help Germany

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WIK HAGER, May 20.—The diplomatic corps at this one of the few capitals of Europe in which the powers still maintain a full representation, is unanimously convinced that war between Italy and Austria is now but a question of hours.

Hints have been dropped that Germany would not take such an eventuality as an unmet calamity. It is even said in well-informed quarters that Germany secretly desires that Austria should be faced by another enemy to the south.

In such case, runs the argument, the possibility might arise of a separate peace between Russia and Austria, leaving Austria to deal single-handed with Italy and enabling Germany to transfer her troops now in Galicia to service elsewhere.

PARIS SALON CONTAINS BATTLE PICTURES ONLY

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PARIS, May 20.—The regular salon will exhibit this year only canvases from the front, painted by artists in the ranks of the Allies. The work of all other artists will be refused for the present. Among the canvases which are to have a place upon the line are twenty-one from the brushes of artists who already have been killed in the war, while the work of nineteen others who are now held in the German detention camps will have a prominent place.

GERMANS GIVING RUSSIA NO REST

Incessant Massed Attacks On Positions Around Przemyśl Never Slackened

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, May 20.—With the Kaiser present in person to spur on his troops, the forces of the Teutonic Allies in Western Galicia are continuing their tactics of incessant massed attacks on the Russian positions around Przemyśl. Petrograd asserts that these charges on the Russian trenches are costing the Austro-Germans so many men that they cannot long be continued, and that the gains made are altogether disproportionate to the losses.

Having contracted their lines by recent withdrawals, the Russians are now in better position to withstand the German battering, which is much the same in general character as they finally wore down in front of Warsaw.

TOO MANY CHURCHES, DECLARES W. H. TAFT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PAINEVILLE, Ohio, May 20.—"Too many churches and too many ministers," said former President Taft in an address delivered here last night, "are causing cracks to open in the foundation stones of religion." "There ought to be more of the spirit of co-operation," he continued, "and less of the spirit of competition between the churches already in the land."

Professor Taft rebuked the levity of the age, which by its flippancy, he said, made light work of tearing great reputations to tatters and destroying in a phrase institutions that it had taken a generation to rebuild.

KAISER WILHELM CLOSE TO DEATH

Russian Shells Demolish His Car Just As He Stepped Out: Chauffeur Killed

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BUDAPEST, May 20.—While watching the Austro-German armies force a passage of the River San last Sunday, on the battle-front in Western Galicia, Kaiser Wilhelm had a providential escape from death.

He had just stepped from his automobile when a brace of Russian shells exploded against it, demolishing the car and killing the chauffeur.

The Kaiser, says the correspondent, left the neighborhood with some alacrity.

UNTERMAYER BRAVES CZARS OF BANKING

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, May 20.—Samuel Untermyer, the prominent New York lawyer, in a statement issued in the defense of Secretary McAdoo of the Treasury and John Skelton Williams, comptroller of the currency, against the charges that their prosecution of the management of the Riggs Bank were inspired by personal malice and politics, said:

"The Riggs Bank directors have been the banking czars of Washington, who have dictated too long to the treasury department. They have had a direct line into the United States treasury and have enjoyed the use of government deposits without interest."

"They have not used this money for the benefit of the people, but have simply supplied it to Wall street for speculative purposes."

NEW CANADIAN SUBMARINE SINKS GOVERNMENT YACHT

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
OTTAWA, Ontario, May 19.—An announcement is made here officially that one of the Canadian submarines purchased just before the beginning of the war has collided with and sunk the government yacht Christine. Eight members of the Christine's crew of fourteen were drowned.

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CHINA CAN COUNT ON AMERICAN AID

Senator Stone Gives Assurances To Commissioners From Flowery Republic

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
ST. LOUIS, May 20.—When China arises to assert her rights, she may count on aid from America, said Senator Stone of Missouri, a member of the senate committee on foreign relations, in an address here last night to the mercantile and industrial commissioners from China who are touring the country.

"China," said Senator Stone, "needs but the consciousness of her own stupendous strength to unloose the grasp of unjust restraint and uphold her independence before the world." "When that day comes America will aid her."

PRESIDENT HIBBEN SHOCKS PACIFISTS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
MOHONK LAKE, New York, May 19.—President Hibben of Princeton University disturbed the annual peace conference which assembled here today by advocating preparedness for war. "The arguments of the pacifists," he said, "is peace at any price. There are some things that will not buy peace. We dare not trade honor for peace."

President Hibben urged that at this time the United States prepare for possible war with all the powers at its command.

ROOSEVELT CASE IN JURY'S HANDS

Counsel Begs Jurymen Not To Allow National Figure To Be Destroyed

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
SYRACUSE, May 20.—Declaring that the object of the action brought against Theodore Roosevelt by William J. Barnes Jr., for damages for alleged libel is to break down the national leadership of the former President, John M. Bowers, attorney for the defense, made a strong closing argument yesterday. A verdict is expected this morning.

"The action which the machine proposes in this case is to destroy the future usefulness of Theodore Roosevelt," said Mr. Bowers, who continued:

"Mr. Roosevelt, like President Wilson, is one of the nation's guides. Gentlemen of the jury, will you, after listening to the testimony which has been presented in this case, allow this national figure to be broken down and destroyed?"

CHINESE PATRIOTS ASK FOR WAR AGAINST JAPAN

(Special Cable to Liberty News.)
SAN FRANCISCO, May 19.—Patriots of Szechuan province, South China have sent requests to the government at Peking that the treaty now being drawn up with Japan be canceled and war be declared. The Japanese government demands \$180,000 damages for the loss of Japanese property in Hankow during the first Chinese revolution when the city was burned. The demand is considered absurd by the Chinese officials.

China has practically agreed to hand-cap herself further by allowing the Japanese to open eighty mines in Mongolia. The sea ports of Shantung also will be in the hands of the Japanese, if the treaty is ratified.

MARRIAGE CONSUMMATED WITHOUT A BRIDEGROOM

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BERLIN, May 20.—The city of Aesch has just witnessed the rare spectacle of a marriage without a bridegroom. His place was taken by his brother, who possessed a formal power of attorney from the bridegroom, who is in the field. It had not before been generally known in Germany that paragraph 72 of the code of civil laws provides for marriage by proxy in cases where the bridegroom is hindered "by higher power" from being present.

BRITISH AVIATOR KILLED

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PARADEIRA, May 20.—Advices received here by personal friends of Lieutenant Prattwhite, of the British aviation corps, state that he was killed in Belgium on Sunday last, when his plane became disabled and fell.

AMERICAN TANKER RAMS AND SINKS TEUTONIC RAIDER

While Traversing North Sea Vessel Collided With Subsea Obstacles and Oil Rises

THREE BRITISH STEAMERS TORPEDOED BY SUBMARINES

Berlin Will Agree To Passengers and Crews Leaving Ships To Be Destroyed

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
PHILADELPHIA, May 20.—A German submarine, operating in the North Sea, has been rammed and sunk by the American tanker Wico, according to a report made yesterday by Captain Gibson of the American steamer. The Wico arrived here yesterday from Stockholm.

Captain Gibson states that while traversing the North Sea his vessel collided with some subsea obstruction, which he believes to have been a submarine. After the tanker had passed over the obstruction, oil bubbles covered the surface of the water.

Whether the German under-water craft had planned to attack his ship or not, the skipper of the Wico says he has no means of knowing.

German Submarines Sink Three Ships

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, May 20.—German submarine activity was resumed yesterday. A trawler, the small British steamer Dumfries and the British collier Drumcree, being torpedoed and sunk, but without loss of life. The trawler was attacked off the east coast of Scotland, while the Dumfries was attacked and sunk while leaving Greenock en route to Havana. The Drumcree was sunk off the coast of Wales.

Submarines Will Spare Passengers

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
WASHINGTON, May 20.—Before addressing to the Allies any further protest against the violation of international law which the administration holds their embargo on all neutral commerce with Germany is working, the President will wait for Germany's answer to the American note on the destruction of the Lusitania.

At the White House last night it was made plain that America has not taken the position that Germany must abandon the use of submarines as commerce destroyers. Such a notion, it was stated, seemed to have gained currency, but was incorrect.

The position of the administration is that merchantmen and passenger ships must not be torpedoed without warning, but must determine the nationality of the enemy ship under suspicion by visitation and search, and if she is found to be an enemy vessel, give the passengers and crew time to leave in safety.

It is known that the German reply when made will indicate a willingness to guarantee that in future all submarines will act as destroyers and cruisers do and will give the passengers and crew time to leave ships which are to be torpedoed. This agreement will except such merchantmen as are armed, and Germany will insist that contraband and passengers be not shipped on the same vessels.

An intimation has been informally conveyed to Germany that the United States stands firmly by the principles enunciated in the President's note.

Germany has suggested that the dispute over indemnity for the sinking of the American grain ship William P. Frye be referred to a prize court. The only answer to the suggestion has been that Secretary of State Bryan has asked Ambassador Gerard at Berlin to ascertain if this suggestion is in reply to the last note on the Frye question.

DREDGING COMPANY LOW BIDDER FOR ARMY WORK

The Hawaiian Dredging Company will probably be awarded the contract by the United States government for the laying of the sewer and water system at Fort Kaneohe. That company and the Lord-Young Company bid very closely but the edge seems to be with the dredging concern. Announcement has not been made, however, by the constructing quartermaster's department. The cost of the system will be approximately \$26,000.

First-Born of Honolulu Is Child of Worst Sea Tragedy of Great War

MRS. ALBERT T. WAKEFIELD gave birth to a son in England yesterday. Both are doing well. This cable message was received by Mrs. Wakefield's brother-in-law, James Wakefield, last night: "Mary has son. Both well."

Few mothers have endured the woe that Mrs. Wakefield has known during the last few weeks; possibly no child has been born under just such circumstances.

The husband and father died tragically. Birth of his son was only a few weeks away when that shock came to Mrs. Wakefield. She wished to return to her home in England, and accompanied by Miss Margaret D. Jones, as companion, she sailed in the Lusitania from New York for Liverpool.

A German submarine sent the Lusitania to the bottom. The loss of the ship was the great horror of the world's greatest war. Miss Jones was lost.

Mrs. Wakefield was saved—and yet her approaching motherhood left the shadow of a fear that the shock of the liner's destruction might be fatal to mother or child, or both.

That is why "both well" was very welcome news to Mr. Wakefield and friends of the unfortunate woman.

The message was sent by Samuel Wakefield of Moseley, England, brother of James and Albert T. Wakefield.

Mrs. Wakefield was married last August.

HONOLULU YOUTH PROVES WIZARD OF ELECTRICITY

KENNETH S. MESICK



He Can Send 200,000 Volts Through Human Body With Entire Safety

A \$4 part of the electrical course Kenneth S. Mesick of Honolulu is taking in the Highland Park college of engineering at Des Moines, Iowa, he has built a Tesla coil capable of sending a current of 200,000 volts through the human body with entire safety. Only 1200 volts are used in Sing Sing prison, New York, for electrocution.

Young Mesick, who is a son of Leverett H. Mesick of the Hawaiian electric company, and his former wife, Mrs. Lillian S. Mesick, now a teacher in the Honolulu public school on the island of Kauai, has written home that he wanted to demonstrate that Hawaii can produce other things besides sugar, pineapples, craters and climate.

The apparatus may be attached to the ordinary house lighting circuit of 110 volts, which it steps up to such a high potential that it will make the ordinary incandescent bulb glow brightly without being connected to the socket by any wires.

WOULD-BE SUICIDE USED POCKET KNIFE

Dejected because his Hawaiian wife would have nothing to do with him, Hansaku Aoni, a Japanese, attempted to commit suicide yesterday afternoon by cutting his throat with a pocket-knife in Makiki Valley. He was taken to Queen's Hospital where his wound was attended to and last night he was said to be doing as well as could be expected.

Aoni, it appears, has been separated from his wife, and yesterday he tried to get her to come back to him. This she refused to do, whereupon he went behind the house and hunked at his angular, doing a clumsy job, however. Mrs. Aoni called at the police station yesterday afternoon and stated that her husband had threatened to kill her and that she feared that he would put his threat into execution on his release from the hospital.

RESERVE BANKS PRAISED BY GERMAN ECONOMIST

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
BERLIN, May 20.—Dr. J. Jastrow, professor at the University of Berlin commenting upon the first report on the new Federal Reserve Banks in the United States, says: "Although the report covers only the operations for six weeks, it nevertheless offers an imposing picture and confirms in all respects my opinions, earlier expressed, that a financial war was being quietly waged here which promised especially to grow into a rival of unanticipated importance for the position of the English money market."

Since January 1, this year, 123 divorce actions have been instituted in Honolulu, of which number eleven were filed since May 1. Since the first of the year Judge Whitney has granted 109 decrees of divorce.

BRITISH CABINET SHAKY: SEA LORD AND CHURCHILL GO INTO DISCARD

Premier Asquith Announces He and Sir Edward Grey Will Continue In Office: Heads of Admiralty and Navy To Retire

FRICION BETWEEN LATTER IS REASON FOR BIG CHANGE

Churchill Said To Be Slated For Viceroy of India: Arthur James Balfour, Former Premier, May Succeed Him In Ministry

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, May 20.—England is stunned by a political transformation, the full scope of which is uncertain and the meaning of which has not yet transpired.

Parliament was adjourned last night until May 31. By that time it is certain that a non-partisan cabinet will have been formed.

Pressed for a statement of what was going forward, Premier Asquith replied last night:

"There is nothing definite to give out except that the present prime minister and the secretary of state for foreign affairs will remain, and that Winston Churchill and Admiral Fisher will go."

Friction In Admiralty

Sir Edward Grey is secretary of state for foreign affairs. Winston Churchill is first lord of the admiralty and Sir John Fisher, Baron of Killybegs, is first sea lord of the navy, a position to which he was recalled from retirement, after the outbreak of the war.

That there was friction between Fisher and Churchill was known. It did not come wholly as a surprise when yesterday the newspapers carried an announcement of Fisher's resignation.

The premier's accompanying declaration of intention to reorganize the government "on a broader political and personal basis," but with the same policy of prosecuting the war with unabated vigor was generally taken to foreshadow a coalition government for the duration of the war.

Churchill May Go To India

In which event, however, some newspapers thought Churchill might be made viceroy of India, leaving Admiral Fisher in command of the fleet.

It appears now that the disagreement was too deep and that both must go if the government is to remain the smooth working machine that the war demands.

Hints earlier in the week that the Rt. Hon. Arthur James Balfour might become first lord of the navy are now recalled with growing credence. Balfour was formerly premier and in any coalition government would be certain of an influential place.

GERMANY WILL TRADE NO MORE PRISONERS

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
LONDON, May 20.—Germany has revoked the agreement made with the British government under which British prisoners held in Germany who, through age or injuries are incapacitated from further military service, were to be exchanged for incapacitated German prisoners held in Great Britain. The British government from Berlin that Germany will make no further exchanges of prisoners on the basis agreed upon reached the war office yesterday through Genet.

ATLANTIC FLEET PLAYS GAME OF MOCK BATTLE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless.)
NEWPORT, Rhode Island, May 20.—The Atlantic fleet is playing a game of mock battle off the New England coast to determine if hostile invasions could succeed in affecting a landing on American soil.

BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN

During the summer months mothers should watch for any unnatural looseness of the child's bowels. When given prompt attention at this time serious trouble may be avoided. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy can always be depended upon. For sale by all dealers. Benson, Smith & Co., Ltd., agents for Hawaii.